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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

Regarding: PR Docket 92-235,

Informal Request for Commission Action

I am filing this request under CFR 47, Part 1, Paragraphs 1.41 and 1.419 to express my concerns about the proposed insertion of new frequencies in the 72 megahertz and 75 megahertz bands, currently being shared by radio-control users and industrial users, to provide additional space for land mobile radio users.

I have been very active in radio-controlled aircraft construction and operation for over 20 years and own several radio-control systems, many aircraft, support equipment and a fairly well equipped shop used exclusively for aircraft construction. This amounts to a very substantial investment, not only in dollars, but in hundreds if not thousands of man-hours of labor. I belong to a radio-control flying club - one of three in the Saint Joseph, Missouri area - and know several other members who have made the same level of investment in the hobby that I have. Now that NPRM Docket 92-235 has come out everyone in the club is concerned about protecting our investment and pastime.

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By 1991 everyone who operated radio-control systems in the 72 megahertz band had just gone through a major two-stage upgrade of radio-control systems, required by the FCC, which resulted in all new operating frequencies and narrow bandwidth operation. This was accomplished at a very high cost to radio-control operators. Now, just two years later, we are facing the possibility of having to upgrade our equipment again or lose ~~the use of most frequencies available to us~~. Currently available systems are

Please reconsider the proposed changes in the 72 and 75 megahertz bands. If NPRM 92-235 passes as proposed, and the majority of the radio-control frequencies are no longer safe to use, radio-control operators will be faced with three alternatives: First, to drop out of radio control completely rather than invest a great deal of money once again trying to keep up with ever-tightening FCC mandated operating standards; second, make the financial investment necessary to upgrade radio-control equipment (for the second time in three years); third, risk operating their aircraft in an R-F environment which can, at any moment, result in total loss of control and endangerment of life and property.

I feel that the operation of radio-controlled aircraft is a valuable recreational activity when considering the educational benefits for youth, the recreational benefits to senior citizens and handicapped individuals who cannot participate in other activities, and the enjoyment it brings to thousands of others. These benefits to so many people merit your consideration.

In conclusion, I request that the FCC would not allocate additional frequencies in the 72 MHZ and 75 MHZ bands because of the adverse affect it would have on radio-control usage.

  
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